

XLIST CONGRESS—2D SESSION.

SENATE.—WASHINGTON, April 18.

Mr. SUMNER (Rep., Mass.) presented the memorial of the National Executive Committee of the colored people of the United States, asking that the word "white" be struck from the Naturalization laws. He had already introduced a bill for that purpose, and hoped that the Judiciary Committee would act promptly on the subject.

Mr. EDMUND (Rep., Vt.), a member of the Judiciary Committee, moved the word "white" ought to be struck out of law so that the Committee had been charged with violating the whole of the Naturalization laws, and expected to report upon the subject of the memorial.

Mr. SUMNER hoped the Senate would "act" as much upon that subject as upon the proposed "bill" as to give it a chance.

Mr. EDMUND replied that the Foreign Committee, of which he was a member, had a testimony on that subject, and that his trouble was that they had not been able to examine his friend from Mass. on the subject.

The following bills were introduced:

Mr. WILSON (Rep., Mass.)—To incorporate a National Academy of Letters and Arts.

Mr. ROBERTSON (Rep., S. C.)—To relieve (with certain exceptions) all persons engaged in rebellion from the disabilities of the 13th Amendment.

The exceptions made by the bill will affect all persons who left Congress and the army to go to the South.

Mr. ALLEN (Rep., N. H.)—A bill granting lands in aid of the Knights and New Orleans Levee Board.

Mr. THAYER (Rep., N. H.)—A bill to make him and his pension of the widow of staff officers in the navy.

Mr. PATTERSON (Rep., N. H.)—On Retrenchment, reported, without amendment.

Mr. HOWARD (Rep., N. Y.)—On the appointment of Special Agents of the Treasury Department.

Mr. WADE (Rep., Ala.)—From the Committee on Finance, reported, without amendment, the House joint resolution to appropriate \$1,000,000 to the Treasury to enable the collector and auditor of property, derive claims and dues belonging to the United States.

Mr. MORRILL (Rep., Vt.)—A bill to amend the act relating to fraud and false alarms in watches.

Mr. PATTERSON (Rep., N. H.)—From the Committee on District of Columbia, reported without amendment.

The House bill incorporates the National Justice Railroad Company.

Mr. THAYER (Rep., N. H.)—A bill to make him and his pension of the widow of staff officers in the navy.

Mr. FENTON (Rep., N. Y.)—A bill to incorporate the Washington Transatlantic Telegraph Company.

Mr. COOPER (Rep., N. Y.)—A bill to give the right to lease telegraph offices between the United States and Belgium.

Mr. SHIRMAN (Rep., Ohio)—A bill to revise the laws relating to mint and assay offices and coinage of the United States.

THE FLORIDA CONTESTED SEAT.

Mr. THURMILL (Rep., Ill.) asked that the case of Mr. Gilber, the sitting member from Florida, whose seat was declared vacant, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The report of the Judiciary Committee upon the case, with an accompanying resolution declaring Gilber to have been legally elected, was then read.

A statement of the case by Senator O. B. Hart, who was at the time of the election of Mr. Howe, when the case was disposed of by the adoption of the resolution recommended by the Committee.

CHARTER THE LINE OF WAY TO CANAL OWNERS.

All the members of the Senate, except the first in order to bring the bill to amend an act granting the right of way to ditch and canal owners over the public lands, and for other purposes.

Mr. DRAKE (Rep., Ill.) offered an amendment providing that nothing contained shall be construed to prohibit, impair, or affect the provisions of the act of July 25, 1866, granting to A. Sutro the right of way and other privileges to aid in the construction of a drainage system to be built on the Constock Lode estate of Nevada. Agreed to.

Mr. COLE (Rep., Cal.) offered an amendment restricting the number of votes to be taken up under the bill by any one person to 10 instead of 100, as at present authorized.

Discussion arising on the amendment, the bill went under the rule.

NAVAL PROMOTIONS.

The joint resolution for the relief of certain officers of the navy next year.

It provides for a board of three officers, not below the rank of Rear Admiral, to examine into the case of such officers as may desire them to appear before the same, and to make recommendations for their promotion.

Mr. DRAKE (Rep., Ill.) moved to amend by providing that officers promoted under this act shall receive the same pay, when not on active duty, that they were entitled to at the time of promotion, and repeating said 5th section.

Mr. SPENCER (Rep., Alab.) offered an additional amendment to provide for the relief of certain officers of the navy next year.

Mr. LOGAN asked the Chairman's consent to have taken from the Speaker's table a joint resolution representing the rights of naval officers.

It is to be noted that the joint resolution concerning the Navy came before the House in consequence of the controversy between the line and staff.

Mr. SPENCER's amendment was then rejected, and Mr. Drake's added, and the motion carried.

REVIEW THE LIVES OF TRAVELERS.

The bill to provide for the better security of life on board vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam, and for other purposes, being the bill prepared by the Committee on Commerce, was introduced, and the measure and the changes introduced by the Committee on Commerce have already been published.

Mr. MORRILL (Rep., Me.) called up the House joint resolution appropriating \$100 to pay the expenses of the investigation of the charges against Gen. O. H. Howard, Pass.

Mr. HAMILIN (Rep., N. Y.) called up the bill for the appointment of a commissioner for the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Passed.

THE EFFECT OF A VOTE OF THANKS.

The joint resolution to request the effect of a vote of thanks of Congress to the members of the Navy for their services during the Civil War, and for the payment of \$100 to each member of the crew.

The bill to provide for the payment of the expenses of the trial of the Courts of the United States.

The bill to prohibit any construction of the act that would require the holding of a Circuit Court within the limits of the State of Kentucky, and the bill to prohibit the trial of suits in the Courts of the United States.

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